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## FROM THE EDITOR



1993, UAPA's 26th year of publishing FLYING SAUCER DIGEST, will be one of our biggest years ever. We currently have in the planning stages a new concept in ufological publishing that will totally amaze you because it's so new and different. We will announce more details sometime this fall. In addition, in the summer issue we will announce a special UFO booklet that will simply stun the UFO field. And at that same time we will announce details regarding a major UFO convention to be held in Cleveland in 1994.

With all this in progress, we have a special offer for subscribers only. From the time you receive this issue of FSD until April 1st, UAPA is offering this: an add on of four more issues of FLYING SAUCER DIGEST to your subscription for only \$7.00! But you have to act now to take advantage of this very special price.

Also in this issue, we have a special offer on rare back issue newsstand UFO magazines. These magazines will be offered only once and they are on a first come, first-served basis, so be sure to send us your order early. This is a chance for you collectors out there in UFO-land to acquire some outstanding UFO material.

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In the 1960's when FLYING SAUCER DIGEST first began publication, the major theory in ufology was that unidentified flying objects, or "flying saucers," were physical craft from some other planet. What other planet was still the burning question. Then by the 1970s, the U.S. space program settled the question as to whether there was life on other planets in our solar system, and that being in the negative.

Then in the 1980s, we were told that just maybe these alleged abductions and other close encounters that seemingly exploded onto the UFO scene, were caused by a psychological mechanism of some sort. Now in the '90s, people in the field are as confused as ever, and this confusion has caused many people to drop out of the field in frustration.

Those of us remaining in ufology who are still very much interested in this enigma read everything, listen to all the theories and then are just as confused as we were before we started, much like the above mentioned "drop-outs."

But there are some of us who deep down cannot accept these theories postulating psychological or other types of answers that go from earth energies to "ultradimensionals." Maybe the "ufonauts" that people see are not just mind induced phenomena.

The writers in ufology today are doing exactly the same thing their predecessors did back in the 1950's: grabbing at anything to write about just for the almighty buck. In doing so they confuse and twist every

issue to such a degree that ufology itself ends up twisted. Now that writers have gotten the public in a confused state of mind, they can now write and publish anything they desire.

But there are some of us with our feet still on the ground who can see through this trick of literary brain-washing that's been haunting the ufological scene.

Perhaps this is the so-called "UFO cover-up" that the mind-benders would like to lead us to believe is in progress. Or maybe the government just so happens to back, or even pushes a little this practice, just to keep us confused and disenchanted. The more people are confused and unhappy about the UFO problem, the more people will drop out. This might well be the answer to the so-called "cover-up".

When a government agency spokesman tells us that there is no government cover-up, he is telling the truth. The government needs not to hide behind falsehoods. The cover-up comes from authors and their theories. "Keep the masses confused and befuddled, and they will believe anything."

But the UFO situation hasn't changed. They still come from somewhere. A physical flying saucer or "space something" that is seen, photographed and leaves evidence of landing is not a psychological problem, it is a material one. One that comes from a material world somewhere in this vast universe. That's why there is a FLYING SAUCER DIGEST.

Allan J. Manak



## UFO BITS AND PIECES

Mufon of Ohio Newsletter, published by Mid Ohio Research Associates, Box 162, 5837 Karris Square Drive, Dublin, Ohio 43017, is a very interesting and thoughtful newsletter that in its first two issues had dealt with mainly abductions. I'm sure if one wants a sample copy of this publication, all one would have to do is send a buck for postage, and a copy or two would no doubt be mailed to you.

After rumors of Farout magazine going out of business, there it was, staring me in the face at a local magazine shop: Farout #2 is as well written as issue #1. UAPA highly recommends this publication. "The UFO con game" is an article of particular interest. It deals with the Frank Scully book, Behind The Flying Saucers, and is a masterful piece of research done by Bill Moore.

An astronomer at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics is predicting that comet Swift-Tuttle could strike the earth in 2126. Brian Marsden says such a collision could possibly produce an impact more powerful than the one that many scientists think wiped out the dinosaurs. He estimates the odds of such a strike in 2126 are about 1 in 10,000, because the path of the comet crosses the earth's orbit.

Marsden explained, "Sooner or later it will hit us." Many scientists have offered suggestions as to what should be done if a collision seems likely. The leading suggestion is to send a rocket to intercept it while it is still far in space, and detonate a few nuclear warheads on its surface to push it out of the way. But then there's always the possibility that the comet could break into numerous chunks, causing a swarm of impacts instead of just one.

Another mysterious boom occurred in Bowling Green, Ohio on the night of October 4, 1992. About 400 to 500 people called the police department to report rattled homes and what they said sounded like an explosion. Police believe the noise was either caused by an earthquake or a sonic boom. No further news was forthcoming. Are these sonic booms coming back, or have they really left at all?

Delve Magazine, published by Gene Duplantier, covers the strange and unknown. This is a large magazine that should be read by everyone interested in this crazy, mysterious world. It is also fully illustrated. Send Gene \$3.00, at 17 Shetland St., Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2M-1X5. You won't be sorry.

From Fortean Times comes this interesting bit of information: on 16 March 1989, Mrs. Patrica Anderson photographed a strange aircraft over Heathall Wartime Airfield northeast of Dumfries. "It was oval-shaped and grey-colored, and much bigger than an RAF tornado, with what I presume were engine intakes looking like a pair of giant eyes as it approached. It was also very, very quiet." She reported the sighting to the civil aviation authority. Shortly afterwards, the police came round and interrogated her. The local print shop told her that her film had come out blank. Later, she was informed by phone that she had seen a top secret aircraft and should forget all about it. (Glasgow Herald, 8 Sept. 1992.)

## THE PHANTOM OF TANGLEWOOD

Lenox, Mass. Conductor and E.T. composer John Williams is tracking an apparently music-loving ghost some believe is haunting the summer home of the Boston Pops.

Williams spent a day last week joining in the hunt for a spectre that reportedly haunts rehearsal rooms at the Tanglewood Music Festival, treads the halls at its photographic pantheon of musical greats, and even scared Leonard Bernstein shortly before his death.

Some say the ghost has caressed someone's hair, opened doors and faucets, and rustled around the second floor of a more than 140-year-old house on the festival grounds. (Toronto Sun, July 30, 1992-G.Duplantier)

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## READERS SAY

Here is an article from my local paper entitled "Secret Jet Source of South Bay rattling?" (The Daily Breeze, September 17, 1992):

Maybe it was aliens, a U.S. military cover-up or Republican stomachs rumbling as Bill Clinton arrived in town. Whatever it was, no one around town had a definitive answer for what caused the shaking across the South Bay on Wednesday. But some experts suggest it resulted from secret supersonic aircraft streaking across the sky. Or perhaps a natural phenomena experienced throughout the world.

"Who knows?" said John Pike, space policy director for the Federation of American Scientists in Washington.

Military expert Bill Sweetman said the Air Force must have been up to something.

In March, he reported in the British trade publication Jane's Defence Weekly that seismologists at Caltech had recorded mysterious shock waves since July 1991 originating from what they suspected was a supersonic aircraft secretly based near the dry Groom Lake in Nevada.

In July, Air Force Secretary Donald Rice denied that Air Force planes caused the rattling.

The shaking, similar to that felt Wednesday, normally occurred about 7 a.m. Thursdays and was picked up first over Catalina Island and then inland as far as San Bernardino.

"Looks like you got another one," Sweetman said. Something secret must have been racing above the clouds, he said, whether the military wants to admit it or not.

"There is clearly something going on," he said "I think there are policies in effect that do permit cover stories and do permit officials to deny things if something like that turns up."

But Pike said that rattling could be a natural phenomenon. "Like gas escaping from under the ocean and reaching the surface and exploding."

Similar rumblings were felt in Great Britain and in the Barisal region of India in the 19th century, long before airplanes existed, he said.

When similar booms occurred in 1978 in Nova Scotia, New Jersey and South Carolina, various scientists investigated whether they were linked to methane explosions underground or the supersonic Concorde flights were under way.

But nobody figured it out.

"This sonic boom rattled my house yesterday! It has been seen, and it is an aircraft. Although the reference to the atmospheric booms of the last century is interesting."

B. Howard  
Carson, CA

**AJM-** Thank you, Mr. Howard for the clipping and your comments. UAPA is always looking for interesting information. As for your comment on mystery booms in the last century, UAPA has a file on these so-called booms and someday, space permitting, will publish an article on them.



# UFO RETROSPECTIVE



The following is the true story of this case. In the next issue of FSD we will have the spectacular conclusion to one of ufology's strangest cases.

It was personally investigated by FSD Assistant Editor Rick Hilberg, who at the time published the following account in the Spring 1966 issue of his UFO MAGAZINE (absorbed by FSD in 1970).

April 17, 1966 - Shortly after five a.m., Deputies Dale F. Spaur and W. L. Neff, of the Portage County, Ohio Sheriff's office, were driving along route 14 south of Ravenna. They noticed an abandoned car parked along the south side of the road and went over to investigate. Deputy Spaur got out of the car and proceeded to approach the vehicle so he could check it out for police records. Suddenly he saw a blinding light come over the highway from the embankment on the south side of the road over a stand of trees.

Deputy Spaur was momentarily blinded by the object after looking directly at it. The saucer flooded the area with a bright white light. After questioning Deputy Spaur sixteen hours after the encounter, he told your editor that the saucer he and Deputy Neff sighted must have been huge if it hovered closely over the highway, as they reported it to have done. Your editor would estimate the object to have been from fifty to sixty feet in diameter from Spaur's description. Spaur said

he and Neff heard a definite hum coming from the machine.

After running back to the car, he and Deputy Neff started to chase the object from approximately 5:07 a.m. to somewhere close to 7:00 a.m., to a point near Freedom, Pennsylvania. The object definitely was disc-shaped with a dome on top. It had two spotlights that at one time flooded the area surrounding a crane, around the bend from where the saucer was encountered near the abandoned car. The two lights converged from the machine to strike the ground, Spaur said.

Police Chief Gerald Buchert of Mantua, Ohio said he took a picture of an object during the time of the chase. The photo shows a half-disc at a great distance from the camera. The photo was only shown once on Cleveland television, and apparently was confiscated by Wright Patterson. Your editor has a photograph taken directly from the television screen showing the saucer Chief Buchert caught on film. The Air Force later said the object the two deputies chased was Venus! A neat trick, as Venus was not visible in the northeast where the domed saucer was observed during the 100 m.p.h. chase!

## **AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD**

by Rick R. Hilberg

### **TRIANGULAR OBJECT SIGHTED IN CALIFORNIA**

Staffer Steve Ryfle of the Glendale NEWS-PRESS filed this report on an October 26th sighting in the papers October 29th edition:

Maybe it was an alien trying to find the Galleria. Or a top-secret military aircraft spying on the city below. Whatever it was, one Glendale woman insists she saw it, and it gave her a fright.

"It was dark gray, shaped like a triangle. It was flat, and at each of the three corners it had a flashing red light," said the 50-year-old woman, who asked not to be identified.

The woman and her 13-year-old son said they both witnessed the UFO about 9:30 p.m., Monday, in the skies above their north Glendale home. The boy was watching television in a bedroom when, during a commercial break, he glanced out the window and noticed something strange in the heavens.

"He came into my room and said, 'Mom, I saw a UFO.' I thought I'd go outside and see a big airplane, but instead it was this huge object, flying very slowly," the woman said.

The object emitted a low hum and at first appeared to be heading earthward, as if it were about to crash, she said.

"It was flying over the middle of Glendale," the boy added. "It kept on going and then the trees blocked our view and we couldn't see it any more."

Her curiosity piqued, the woman called her neighbors and then the Glendale Police Department to see if anyone else had sighted the flying craft. But no one had, and she was left wondering just what might have been.

While Glendale may have its share of strange characters, beings from beyond have yet to stake a claim here. There are no inexplicable rock formations, no aerial designs formed in the grass at Verdugo Park, and - according to police - few, if any, UFO sightings.



"I've worked here for years and years, and I don't remember ever taking a UFO call," said GPD spokesman Leif Nicolaisen.

"It's not a typical thing when someone calls up and reports a UFO sighting. If one person were to call up it wouldn't be necessarily a big issue, but if we were to get a rash of calls about a UFO that's something we would pay attention to," Nicolaisen said.

The woman, who works for a local bank, said she and her son are not UFOlogists, nor are they particularly intrigued by the prospect of life on other planets. Had not both of them spotted the UFO together, she would never have reported the sighting, she said.

"Neither one of us are really given to fantasies. This is the first time I've ever seen anything like this," she said.

"It's hard to believe there is no other form of life out there, but it's also hard for me to believe they're flying over the continental U.S. The jury's out, as far as I'm concerned."

### **SPATE OF VIRGINIA SIGHTINGS IN OCTOBER**

The following piece contains accounts that definitely can be chalked-up to being caused by known astronomical events, but then again a large cigar-shaped thing that roars like a prop-driven aircraft can't be so easily included in the same category. Sam Carter of the Staunton Daily News Leader reported the following on November 9th:

Paul Grant nearly drove his son's Chevy pickup off the road when he saw a huge oval object with pink fluorescent lights hovering over a pasture.

"I was fighting the truck and trying to see too," said Grant, 65, of Raphine.

Grant and his son, Jim, say that about 7:30 p.m. Oct. 10 they saw a huge cigar-shaped object in the air about 2.5 miles south of Greenville.

And on Oct. 28, a Fishersville man said he watched as something 10 times the size of a star streaked across the sky.

"I've been a 'coon hunter many a night, but I've never seen anything like that," said Sibert Armstrong of Rt.2, Box 52.

The object the Grants described bears few similarities to a comet or meteor, according to an astronomy professor at the University of Virginia.

Local law enforcement officials were flooded with calls Oct. 9 from people who reported seeing a green ball of light traveling across the sky about 8 p.m.

Astronomers attributed the sightings to a meteor shower that passed through the area.

But Jim Grant's close encounter was no meteor, he said.

Grant, 39, of Grottoes was in the truck when his father turned onto Va. 666 about 2½ miles from Greenville.

The moon was so bright that Grant remarked to his father the deer must be feeding at night.

Then an object appeared to their left with the suddenness of a light being switched on, said Grant.

Floating several hundred feet off the ground, the grey outline of the object looked as big as a 747 jet, he said.

The night was filled with a roaring noise like the sound of an airplane's prop engines thrust into reverse for landing, said Grant.

"He said 'Daddy, what the hell is that?' I said, 'Lord, I don't know,'" said Paul Grant.

Looking on from about 400 yards away, the two men watched as the object dropped and then drifted down toward the northeast, looking like it might crash in nearby Lofton Lake, said Grant.

The men drove further along Va. 666 but were unable to find anything.

Jim Grant saw the object about 50 seconds and heard the noise for about four minutes, he said.

The saucer-shaped craft had three pink fluorescent lights that looked like windows, said Grant.

This was definitely no airplane or meteor, he said.

"It will always bother me that I saw that thing unless somebody finds out an explanation," said Paul Grant.

That the Grants saw the object from Va. 666, a number associated with the occult, adds an ironic twist to the story.

But it is all true, said Paul Grant.

"People said 'they're going to call you a liar,' but I said 'I don't care; I know what I saw,'" he said.

Other people noticed the object, but most feared being ridiculed, Grant added.

However, Franklin Moses, who lives off U.S. 11 at the intersection of Va. 675, said he saw a ball of fire falling from the sky and heading toward Lofton about 7:30 p.m. Oct. 10.

The object could have been a comet or meteor, but there was no trail behind it, he said.

Looking on from about five miles away, Moses noticed the object had a ring of orange, red, and yellow lights, he said.

"I just took it to be a meteor falling out of the sky, but (the Grants) were closer than I was. Maybe they saw more than me," he said.

Donald Shull, who owns the pasture where the object allegedly appeared, said he heard nothing that night but added that he was inside watching television.

The appearance of mysterious lights did not end in early October.

Two weeks ago Sibert Armstrong saw a yellowish, stationary object that looked as though it might have been in orbit, he said.

The lights switched on for three seconds and then remained off for about three seconds, said Armstrong.

When the object moved off after about 12 seconds, it appeared to be traveling east, he said.

"It was about 10 times the size of a star and sitting still, and about that time the whole light went out and you couldn't see anything," said Armstrong.

Unusual lights in the sky often can be attributed to meteors or comets, said Dr. Robert Rood, a professor of astronomy at the University of Virginia.

Commonly, people believe the object has crashed just over the next hill, he said.

Fog or haze can account for some of the mysterious effects, said Rood.

The night was clear when the two men saw the object, said Grant.

Every two years or so a fireball large enough to attract attention appears, said Rood.

After a fireball passed through the area several years ago, people in southern Albemarle County were convinced something had crashed, he said.

Generally, meteors travel quickly and are only seen for a second or two, and sometimes the meteor produces a sonic boom, said Rood.

"The sky fools you into seeing things," he said.

Lawhorn Houston, who lives off Va. 608, served in the Army in Germany with Franklin Moses in 1949.

Moses was a trustworthy friend, and he would not lie about seeing the object said Houston.

When Houston served in the Air Force in the late 1950s, he realized just how advanced military aircraft can be, he said.

The Persian Gulf War proved this, said Houston.

Also, the Blue Ridge Mountains are a mysterious place, he said.

Sibert Armstrong recalled hunting at night in Churchville two years ago and seeing a brilliant white light split into two.

Houston sometimes walks outside his home at night and scans a series of ridges called the Devil's Steps.

"You can sit and look at the sky and see a lot of things that don't make any noise or anything," he said.

### **EVIDENCE OF MINNESOTA MINI-FLAP IN SEPTEMBER**

Elk River, Minnesota seems to have been the place to spot UFOs back in September. The following story under the by-line of Joni Astrup in the September 23rd edition of the Elk River Star News seems to have kicked things off:

What started as a routine trip to the bathroom in the middle of the night turned into a nightmarish ordeal for a western Elk River woman, who swears she saw a UFO hovering near her home last week.

The woman, who asked to remain anonymous, said she saw three huge lights hovering about six feet off the ground in her neighbor's fenced back yard. Within seconds, the lights were gone.

Two of the lights were round - about two feet in diameter - and spaced 10 to 13 feet apart. A third light was located higher than the other two.

The incident happened about 4:45 a.m. Thursday (September 17th) in a wooded subdivision in Elk River.

After first seeing the lights out the kitchen window, the woman moved to the patio door for a better look. When she looked out, the lights had moved and she saw a large beam of light shining on the street.

"The beam of light was there and then it was gone," said the woman, who works as a nurse. "That's when I thought I must have seen a UFO."

She said the whole incident was over in 15 seconds but it left her shaking for hours.

"It's a very awesome thing to witness this. Actually I wish I never would have, because it gave me a very eerie feeling," she said.

"I don't drink. I don't do drugs. I don't smoke. I just have no explanation for it but it's a very, very frightening sight."

She reported the incident to Elk River Police because she said she was concerned for her family. She said it's particularly eerie because her 13-year-old son had reported seeing a UFO three nights earlier. She dismissed it at the time, thinking it couldn't be possible.

He also reported seeing three lights, but saw a beaming red center light as well. The object he observed was in the same location but much higher up in the sky. While he watched, it stopped momentarily before zooming off until it was a speck in the distance.

She said what struck her about the object she saw was it was totally silent. And when she went out the next morning to investigate the area, she found nothing.

"When other people hear this they think you stepped out and lost touch with reality," she said.

"I was fully awake. I believe what I saw but I can't believe what I saw.... I have no explanation for this."

It's not the first time Elk River Police have taken reports of UFOs. "We usually get one or so a year," Police Chief Tom Zerwas said.

The last one he remembers was a few years ago, when a father and son reported seeing a UFO as they drove east along Highway 10 near Broadway Bar and Pizza early one winter evening.

"They claimed this huge UFO, bigger than a Greyhound bus, flew up alongside them," Zerwas said.

They reported the object had round windows with light streaming through them that lit up the area. The object hovered along side them for a short time as they drove along, then took off and disappeared.

Zerwas talked to the two men, who were from the Twin Cities, when they stopped in the police station to report the incident.

"They seemed like they were in shock when they came into the police station to report it," he said.

### **MORE ON MINNESOTA MINI-FLAP**

As often happens, the above piece in the Elk River paper prompted others to come forward regarding their sightings. Here's Ms. Astrup's follow up in the September 30th Star News:

Several more reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) have surfaced since a woman told police that she spotted a UFO in her Elk River neighborhood earlier this month.

In all, four individuals have reported seeing UFOs in the Elk River area in mid-September. Here's a rundown of what they saw and when:

- Sunday, Sept. 13 : A man who lives near Albertville looked out his patio door about 10:30 p.m. and saw a reflection of light on his neighbor's window. When he walked out into his yard to investigate, he spotted an object about 100 yards away and 50 yards above the ground.

He said it was 5 to 6 feet across, 1 to 2 feet thick and tapered on each end like a saucer.

The object had several diamond-shaped windows or lights in a row around the middle. An unusual yellow-blue light shone from the diamonds.

The top and bottom of the object were stationary, but the center was spinning counterclockwise, he said. While the diamonds were located in the spinning region, they remained in place.

The man said he watched the object for about 20 seconds "and then suddenly the lights went out and it was gone."

He said the object was silent.

- Wednesday, Sept. 16: Terry Townsend of Princeton, who works with the man from Albertville, said he encountered a UFO after midnight as he was driving through northeastern Elk River on his way home from work as an industrial mechanic in the Twin Cities.

Townsend describes in detail what he saw in a letter to the editor on page 4.

He said the dark grey object was the size of a large passenger jet and was ringed with white, red and green lights. The round, white lights could have been portholes, he said.

Shining from the portholes "was a pure white light like you've never seen before." Each white light wasn't one beam like a spotlight, but was made up of about a dozen smaller beams similar to light coming through a prism.

The light only extended about two feet beyond the edge of the object, he said, 400 feet off the road. Townsend said he was startled but not



afraid when he came around a bend in the road and saw it.

"You read about it, you see pictures and think that's not possible, it can't be," he said. "It's unlike anything you've ever been through. You don't fully understand it until you experience it."

He said he doesn't feel the objects are anything to fear.

- Thursday, Sept. 17: As described in last week's Star News, an Elk River woman reported seeing strange lights. The three lights were hovering about six feet off the ground. When she moved to another window for a better look, the lights had moved and she saw a large beam of light.

"The beam of light was there and then it was gone," she said.

- Friday, Sept. 18: A cab driver traveling through Elk River about 8 p.m. told police he saw an object in the air near Baugh St. and Road 12.

The man said the passenger in his car also saw the object and kept an eye on it as they drove west into Elk River.

He described it as fairly large and close to the ground - too close to be a passenger jet. The object was quite far off in the distance and moving slowly in a northwesterly direction.

The man said they were unable to make out its shape, but a row of at least 10 porthole-type lights were visible. It appeared light was streaming through the portholes, he said.

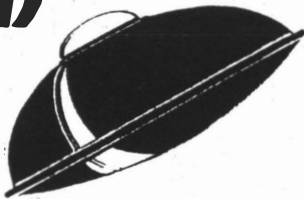
"It was amazing," he added. "I can't imagine what it was."

Gary Thrash, a member of MUFON said people have reported seeing UFOs of a variety of shapes ranging from diamond, saucer and wing shaped to square, V and cigar shaped. People commonly hear a low humming noise from the object if it is very low or the person is directly under it. Otherwise, he said the objects are generally silent.

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